

SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

Prepared By: Governmental Oversight and Productivity Committee

BILL: SB 1606

INTRODUCER: Senator Lawson

SUBJECT: Herbert F. Morgan Building

DATE: March 30, 2006

REVISED: _____

| | ANALYST | STAFF DIRECTOR | REFERENCE | ACTION |
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| 1. | deMarsh-Mathues | Matthews | ED | Favorable |
| 2. | McKay | Wilson | GO | Pre-meeting |
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I. Summary:

The bill designates the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University-Florida State University College of Engineering Building as the “Herbert F. Morgan Building” and authorizes the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU) and Florida State University (FSU) to erect markers making the respective building designations.

This bill creates an undesignated section of Florida law. The Division of Statutory Revision will determine whether it is included in the Florida Statutes.

The act will take effect upon becoming law.

II. Present Situation:

Section 267.062, F.S., requires approval in law before naming a state building or other facility for a living person. Pursuant to this requirement, if a university wishes to name a building or facility after a living person, the designation must be approved by the Legislature.

Herbert F. Morgan is recently deceased. Accordingly, FAMU and FSU are not required to receive legislative approval to name the College of Engineering Building after him. Even though legislative action is not required in this instance, there is no legal restriction to prohibit the Legislature from approving the building name.

Herbert F. Morgan was a member of the Florida House of Representatives from 1974 to 1986, during which time he served as chairman of the Appropriations and Rules Committees. During his time as a legislator, he twice received the Allen Morris Award designating the most effective member of the House of Representatives. He played a significant role in revising the Florida

government's budgeting system, while working to better schools and improve care for the disabled and mentally ill. He sponsored the Women's Equity in Athletics Act as well as numerous other bills beneficial to higher education in Florida. He received many awards for effectiveness in committee work and debate.

In 1966, Mr. Morgan received a bachelor's degree in business from Florida State University, where he received the university's highest award, the James D. Westcott Distinguished Service Medal. He also received an honorary doctoral degree from FSU in 2003. Florida State University and Tallahassee Community College (TCC) recently established a joint scholarship in Mr. Morgan's name.

In addition to his legislative service, Mr. Morgan served as chief executive officer of the Florida Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors. He also served as chairman of the Tallahassee Memorial Regional Medical Center Board of Directors and as chairman of the TCC Board of Trustees.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

This bill designates the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University-Florida State University College of Engineering Building as the "Herbert F. Morgan Building." The bill authorizes both FAMU and FSU to erect markers designating the building to reflect the name.

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IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

Each university will incur the cost of erecting a suitable marker for the newly designated building. According to the Board of Governors, the cost for a marker can vary from \$500 to \$1,500, depending on the number of markers and the size, type, and materials used to construct the marker.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

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VIII. Summary of Amendments:

None.

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